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CITY TO 'PITCH' CLEAN AIR AT INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS GAME MAY 7

INDIANAPOLIS – The Office of Sustainability encourages all Indianapolis residents to participate in Air Quality Awareness Week now through May 4, culminating with special activities at Victory Field on May 7.

"Air Quality Awareness Week reminds us that we all must do our part to ensure Indianapolis remains a clean and healthy place to live," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "Everyone can contribute to improved air quality in simple ways all year long and especially during the warmer spring and summer months."

Indianapolis' air quality continues to improve. The air quality index (AQI) tells us how clean or polluted our air is on any given day. In recent years, Indianapolis has recorded more "good" air quality days than "moderate," which means in comparison to the national standard our air is cleaner or contains less pollution annually. At the Indianapolis Indians game May 7, attendees can pick up information on clean air and Knozone Air Quality Action Days at the Knozone booth. Air quality tips also will be announced during the game.

Knozone, a program of the Office of Sustainability, informs the public of when pollutants are forecasted in Indianapolis to exceed federal air quality standards, also known as a Knozone Air Quality Action Day. On these days, residents are encouraged to reduce pollution in the following ways:

- Carpool, use public transportation such as IndyGo, or ride your bike instead of drive.
- Fill gas tanks and mow grass after 6 p.m.
- Conserve energy by turning off lights and equipment when not in use.
- Prevent long idling when possible.
- Follow Indianapolis Knozone on Twitter @knozone for more tips and updates on Knozone Air Quality Action Days.

Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, national Air Quality Awareness Week is focusing on the theme "Healthy Air. Healthy You." It takes place annually during the first week of May, the start of the Knozone season. Visit www.indy.gov/Knozone for more information.

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